

ABSTRACT

[0046] A computer architecture for sharing information between plural applications having disparate data structures. An application integration platform includes logic for exchanging information between the plural applications. At least one common object definition specifies common objects to be used for exchanging data between the applications. The common object definition includes a canonical object defining elements of a standard object that are common between data structures of the applications. The comon object also includes at least one extension defining application specific or user specific elements. The canonical object is exposed to all of the applications through the application integration platform and the extensions are being exposed only to selected applications.